

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, with great solemnity and prayerfulness, I rise to join my colleagues in recognition of National Police Week: observed by this Congress and Country for nearly sixty years.

Thank you, Rep. VAL DEMINGS, former Orlando Police Department Chief, a police officer for nearly 30 years, for providing us with this opportunity.

This week, we honor the thousands of heroes who don the uniform each day, as they honor their patriotic pledge to defend our Democracy.

They do so often in the face of grave danger—including the coronavirus pandemic, which has forced many to risk their lives as they work to save the lives of others.

We especially salute our U.S. Capitol Police heroes, including those who lost their lives in defense of the Capitol.

Following the January 6 assault, they have met horror with heroism; agony with action. We are awed by their resilience and grateful for their courage.

As President Biden wrote in his Proclamation on Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week: “Every morning, our Nation’s law enforcement officers pin on a badge and go to work, not knowing what the day will bring, and hoping to come home safely.”

Solemnly, we honor the sacrifice of those who did not “come home safely.”

Today—and always—we pay tribute to our fallen officers, including the 394 officers added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this past year. Fourteen Californians received this sad recognition.

The service of each of these heroes reminds us of our duty: to build a future worthy of their sacrifice.

May the memories of the fallen live always in our hearts, as a reminder of that responsibility. And may it be a comfort to the families of the fallen that so many mourn with and pray for them.

HERB ATCHISON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Herb Atchison, a former City Councilmember and Mayor of Westminster, Colorado and a great Coloradan.

Mayor Atchison has lived in Westminster for more than 40 years, during which time he has committed his time and energy into serving his community and local residents. Throughout his

tenure serving the City of Westminster, Mayor Atchison held numerous positions on the City Council and on city government boards such as the Planning Commission and the City’s Special Permit and Licensing Board. Mayor Atchison was first elected to City Council in 1997 where he served two terms and came back for a third term in 2011. He was elected Mayor in 2013 and proceeded to serve two terms. As a Councilmember and Mayor, he was a strong advocate and champion for small business and transportation issues.

In addition to his service to the Westminster community Mayor Atchison is a loving husband and devoted father. He has been married to his wife Erika for 50 years, is the proud father of two daughters, and a devoted grandfather to five grandchildren.

While our state has been blessed with capable leadership throughout its history, few rise to the caliber and reputation of Mayor Atchison. I wish Mayor Atchison all the best in retirement and send gratitude for his service to the Westminster community and the great State of Colorado.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I am sorry I missed a vote, as I was unable to be present. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 139.

IN RECOGNITION OF WESLEY R. FUGATE, PH.D.

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wesley R. Fugate, Ph.D. for his service as the 20th President of Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Since commencing in this leadership role in January of 2020, Dr. Fugate has overcome challenges stemming from the pandemic. His strategic planning process has resulted in the implementation of six new undergraduate majors, along with a new degree completion program, a graduate program, and a new endorsement and certification program. These offerings have provided a strategic boost to the academic offerings at Wilson College, and his hard work is paving the way for continued advancement.

Prior to his work at Wilson College, Dr. Fugate served as the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Vice President and Chief of Staff, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and Interim Vice President for

Employment Management at Randolph College. He also served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Planning and Education Policy to the Governor of Kentucky. As a community leader, Dr. Fugate has demonstrated great dedication and participation in local civic organizations. In our region, he has served on a number of leadership boards, including the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Fugate earned his doctorate in higher education from the University of Georgia’s Institute of Higher Education. He received his master’s degree from Vanderbilt University and his bachelor’s degree from Centre College. In recognition of his outstanding achievements, Dr. Fugate has received many awards, including the Alice L. Beeman Research Award in Communications and Marketing for Educational Advancement for an Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

As a leader, Dr. Fugate is propelling a forward-looking vision for Wilson College. It is my privilege to serve the students and academic community of Franklin County alongside him. I thank Dr. Fugate for his work in our community, and I wish him every continued success.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF YONG AE YUE AND HONORING ELLIOTT AND ROBERT PETERSON

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Yong Ae Yue, and to honor her two sons, Elliott and Robert Peterson. Ms. Yue was one of eight people tragically killed in the March 16th shootings at three spas in the Atlanta metropolitan area.

Ms. Yue was raised an orphan in South Korea, where she met her former husband, Mac Peterson, who was in the U.S. Army. After having their first son, Elliott, in South Korea, the couple moved to the United States in the early 1980s and had their second son, Robert. Ms. Yue was determined to give her two children a promising and successful life in the United States, and she taught her sons the value and meaning of hard work. Given her sons’ multiracial background, she made sure they were proud of their Black and Asian identities, and helped them find strength in their heritage. According to her family, she was a selfless, compassionate, and generous woman who loved to sing karaoke and cook Korean food for her friends and family. She moved to the Atlanta area in 2001 to be closer to Robert and loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

I also want to honor Ms. Yue’s sons, who have raised awareness of the impact that violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders has on families and communities. Elliott bravely served our country in the U.S. Army for over 24 years. He recently retired in

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September and lives in Japan, where he trains U.S. soldiers in field exercises. And following Ms. Yue's tragic passing, I traveled to Atlanta with several of my colleagues in the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus to pay my respects. I was honored to meet Robert and discuss the wonderful life his mother lived. After speaking with Robert, I was pleased to invite him as my virtual guest to President Biden's first address to a joint session of Congress. It has been a privilege to hear Elliott and Robert tell their mother's story and elevate the concerns that so many in the AAPI community have.

Yong Ae Yue's life was the embodiment of the American dream. She came to the United States with a determination to work hard and raise a family, and she passed along her strength and selflessness to her children and grandchildren. My thoughts are with Ms. Yue's family and the many other families grieving from this tragic event.

HONORING CAPTAIN PAUL JACOBS

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the remarkable life story of an American hero, Captain Paul Jacobs who passed away this past December. Captain Paul Jacobs served six combat tours in Vietnam, though it was his last tour that forever enshrined him as leading one of the U.S. Navy's greatest humanitarian efforts.

As U.S. forces began withdrawing from South Vietnam in late April 1975, Captain Jacobs was then commanding the destroyer escort USS *Kirk* off the coast of Vietnam. To escape being captured by Communist North Vietnamese forces, South Vietnam helicopters loaded with refugees swarmed out toward the U.S. fleet. After hearing rumors that any South Vietnamese pilot captured by the North Vietnamese would be tortured, mutilated, and imprisoned, while their families would be made outcasts or worse, they fled desperately trying to escape that fate.

Upon realizing this, Captain Jacobs offered his ship as a safe haven for the South Vietnamese refugees. Helicopters began arriving and all hands aboard the *Kirk*—including Captain Jacobs—pushed unloaded helicopters over the side to make room for incoming ones. In all, 12 helicopters, packed with refugees, had landed on one of the Navy's smallest warships. Captain Jacobs then transformed the *Kirk* into a humanitarian aid station, providing food, comfort, medical care, relief from a blazing sun and hope to the men, women and children they'd rescued. It is no exaggeration to credit Captain Jacobs' steadfast leadership in the face of such hardship for saving the lives of those 30,000-plus Vietnamese sailors and refugees.

The United States Navy has a proud tradition of courageous, competent, indefatigable, and independent ship captains, who fear not what lies over the horizon, and who earn the respect and fidelity of their crews through their fair and steadfast leadership. Such will be Captain Paul Jacobs' legacy. In California's Fourth Congressional District and in Captain Jacob's childhood hometown in Maine, we share profound grief over his passing.

And so today, I rise to bid Captain Paul Jacobs—the United States Navy's most revered humanitarian—farewell. May he always have fair winds and following seas.

CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF MS. ANITA IDICULLA

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Ms. Anita Idiculla, who passed away on March 7, 2021 in Los Angeles, California. She was a beloved daughter, sister and aunt and valued community member in West Los Angeles.

Anita was born May 21, 1981, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Drs. Alexander and Anne A. Idiculla. She grew up in Philadelphia until moving to California in 1999 to attend Stanford University. She received her bachelor's degree in 2003 and continued her education, receiving her master's degree in education in 2004. Anita's career began at Tollin/Robins Productions and she spent several years working at notable companies such as Warner Brothers Entertainment, Inc., and Nickelodeon.

While living in Los Angeles, Anita continued her education at the University of California, Los Angeles' Anderson School of Management and attended the London Business School International Exchange Program before receiving her MBA in 2013. After graduation, Anita joined Mattel Inc. as a Senior Marketing Manager for their Games Global Brand Team. Anita's career was singularly focused on creating content and products that could be enjoyed by children and families alike. She allowed her passion for creativity and tenacity to flow freely which in turn brought joy to her family, friends, and colleagues. Anita's spirit and aspirations were limitless, and from an early age, it was clear that she could achieve any goal she set her mind to. Her family and friends were her entire world, and her love of being a kid at heart never faded away.

She was an active member of Bel-Air Presbyterian Church and dedicated years of service to the church's youth programs. Anita was a voracious reader and co-founded a literary society in 2007. She was an avid pop culture aficionado, karaoke legend, and a genius meme creator. She was a strong advocate for women's rights and loved animals, with her favorites being unicorns and kittens. Anita spent every moment she could attending live music concerts and traveling the world. She was loved by so many people and touched so many lives with her thoughtful spirit and caring heart. Anita's smile was infectious, and her loss will be felt by her friends, family, and the many communities she has affected.

Anita is reunited for eternity with her father Dr. Alexander Idiculla who passed away in 1982. She is survived by her mother, Anne; brothers, Rajiv and Anil; sister-in-law, Elizabeth (Loughran) and nephews, Alexander and Kellan. May her many contributions to her community, family and friends live on.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on May 13, 2021, I was unable to vote for H.R. 2877, the Behavioral Intervention Guidelines Act of 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 2877.

IN HONOR OF THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND LEGACY OF C.T. MARTIN

HON. NIKEMA WILLIAMS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Councilman Emeritus C.T. Martin, known as the 'Dean' of the Atlanta City Council, who passed away at the age of 84. For nearly 30 years, he served Atlanta's District 10 with distinction on the Atlanta City Council, uplifting the voices of the Southwest Atlanta community. Throughout his life, Mr. Martin was a fearless leader for justice and steadfast ally for marginalized communities. He served as Congressman John Lewis' first campaign manager and played a vital role in advancing equality and justice for all Georgians. He was a dedicated member of Hoosier Memorial United Methodist Church, and is survived by his four children and five grandchildren.

An Atlanta native, Mr. Martin was dedicated to giving back to his community from an early age. He attended Booker T. Washington High School and began his community activism as a member of the N.A.A.C.P., registering people to vote. After graduating from Shaw University with a Bachelor of Science degree with plans to become an educator, he attended Atlanta University where he earned a Master of Science degree and afterwards followed his calling for public service.

A graduate of Leadership Atlanta, Mr. Martin had affiliations with numerous service organizations. In 1972, he received a presidential appointment from the White House Domestic Policy Council. For more than 20 years, he served the National Scholarship Service for Negro Students and influenced college minority recruitment policy nationwide. During his public service career, he received over 350 community service awards for outstanding service.

A strong believer in sharing the wealth of his successes with the community, Mr. Martin was dedicated to bringing the voices of African Americans to the forefront of leadership in this country. As a civil rights foot soldier himself, Mr. Martin worked alongside Congressman John Lewis in his first run for Congress and mentored many rising Black leaders from Georgia, including his successor, City Councilwoman Andrea Boone.

Elected to the Atlanta City Council in 1990, Mr. Martin was dedicated to improving the lives of ALL Georgians. He was a strong advocate for education, social services, senior citizen protection, voter rights, neighborhood preservation, and private enterprise. He fought

tirelessly to restore our neighborhoods and provide economic opportunity in our communities.

Early on in his service on Atlanta City Council, Mr. Martin was appointed by Mayor Bill Campbell to the Atlanta City Budget Commission. In 1994, he was selected by the Labor Coalition to travel to South Africa to work for political education following the release of Nelson Mandela. During his second and third terms in office, he held three key chairmanships—Human Resources, Public Safety, and Transportation.

Mr. Martin was a bold visionary for the people, spearheading projects such as the construction of the Adamsville Natatorium and Community Center that completely transformed the area and provided resources to our most marginalized communities. He created the Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Merchants Association, an initiative to foster economic opportunities and growth for Atlanta's District 10 and served on the Missing and Murdered Children Task Force. Mr. Martin was also a board member for the West End Medical Center and chairman of the City of Atlanta Employee Credit Union Board.

His off-term work included serving as a consultant on political campaigns and spearheading strategic planning activity and youth programming. He was elected by Georgia's Democratic Party to serve as a delegate to elect the first Black President of the United States, Barack Obama, at the Democratic National Convention in 2008 and 2012.

Atlanta has lost one of its greatest native sons. On a personal level, I was proud to have earned his support, guidance, and endorsement in my first campaign for public office. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones at this time. The entire city of Atlanta owes a debt of gratitude to C.T. Martin that we could never repay. May his memory serve as a guiding light for future generations of leaders in the fight for full equality.

On behalf of Georgia's 5th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and legacy of Councilman C.T. Martin, and his incredible contributions to the Atlanta community.

HONORING OFFICER CHRISTOPHER
FARRAR

HON. ANDY BIGGS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, there is no greater love than to lay one's life down for another.

Officer Christopher Farrar of Chandler, Arizona exemplified that love when he was killed in the line of duty on April 30th of this year. Officer Farrar gave his life on behalf of his community and indeed, the entire State of Arizona. By all accounts he was a great police officer who served his community every day.

He leaves behind a grieving family and his fellow officers of the Chandler Police Department. I thank his family and loved ones for their sacrifices and his. Our prayers are with you.

We also join in prayer for Officer Rico Aranda, of the Gilbert, Arizona Police Depart-

ment who, alongside Officer Farrar, put his life on the line while responding to the same call on April 30. Although he was critically wounded, he was fortunate enough to survive the attempt on his life. We express our hope for a speedy and complete recovery for Officer Farrar.

Both these men and their families will remain in our hearts.

Serving in law enforcement takes a special kind of person. One who leaves the house each day knowing he may not return. Police officers all across this country have been vilified over the last year but I challenge you, Madame Speaker, to find a group of individuals more noble, more selfless, and more interested in serving their fellowman than police officers.

Instead of the hyper-critique they have received of recent times, they deserve the praise and admiration of this body. Police officers routinely face grave threats with great courage.

Madam Speaker, over the last year we have seen Liberal organizations and leftist cities call for the defunding of our police. I urge elected officials and the American public to support those who keep our communities safe. Let's increase our respect to our police force. Let's increase our gratitude by giving a positive comment, a helping hand, or saying a prayer when you see those flashing red and blue lights on the way to an emergency.

I am grateful to be participating in National Police Week so I may pay homage to the brave men and women who run towards danger when most retreat. We may never know the pressure and the courage it takes to wear the badge and don the uniform, but we can always show the respect and honor our police officers deserve.

To those officers who demonstrated the greater love by making the greatest sacrifice we say, "Thank you." We offer our grateful support to those they left behind.

CONGRATULATING EDWARD SISCO,
SERVICE TO AMERICA MEDAL FI-
NALIST FROM MARYLAND'S
FIFTH DISTRICT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I'm proud to represent more than 62,000 federal employees in Maryland's Fifth District and to have long been an advocate for recognizing and celebrating the many contributions that federal civilian workers make to our country. That's why I am always very excited to participate in marking Public Service Recognition Week, which is held each May. It is a moment to thank federal employees for their patriotism, their service, and the many essential roles they play in creating and delivering opportunities for the American people.

Each year, the Partnership for Public Service reviews hundreds of nominations submitted by federal workers and the Americans they serve of outstanding federal civilian employees for recognition in a number of categories. During Public Service Recognition Week, the organization unveils the list of finalists in each category, and it has named twen-

ty-nine finalists this year. The winners, including Federal Employee of the Year, will be announced in the autumn. These Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals, named in memory of the founder of the Partnership for Public Service and a champion for those serving in government, are affectionately known as the 'Sammies,' and they are considered to be the government-service equivalent of the Academy Awards.

I am proud to share with my colleagues that one of this year's finalists in the 'Emerging Leaders' category is Edward Sisco from Maryland's Fifth District. A research chemist at the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Ed has already made an enormous impact even at only thirty-two years old. He developed a novel procedure for testing potentially toxic substances faster than thought possible, which has yielded tremendous benefits in forensic analysis and protection for law enforcement and forensic chemists testing drugs seized in raids. The Thermal Desorption Direct Analysis in Real Time Mass Spectrometry (TD-DART-MS) technique that he pioneered is already being deployed and is having a major impact on criminal justice and laboratory safety.

Ed and many of his colleagues at NIST are among the thousands of outstanding federal employees who call Maryland's Fifth District home, and I am proud to join in recognizing his work and his being chosen as a Service to America Medal finalist. I wish him all the best of luck in the competition, and I look forward to learning the winners in his category and all the others, as well as Federal Employee of the Year, this fall. While these awards recognize special contributions to our country that go above and beyond, I hope all of us who serve in the House will remember the contributions and hard work that 2.1 million federal employees perform every day in every state and in single one of our districts. Each and every one of them deserves our recognition and our gratitude.

HONORING TOMS RIVER FIRE DE-
PARTMENT NO. 1 ON ITS 125TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Toms River Fire Department No. 1 on its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary.

Beginning in 1896, the Toms River Fire Department was founded with no budget or fire hydrant. Within two years, the town's running water became operational and the Fire Department was granted a \$500 budget. Soon, when there was a fire, the firefighters were able to hook their hoses to Toms River's one hydrant and push a hose cart across town to fight a fire. Through the Toms River Fire Department's work, they protected the residents of Toms River and saved countless lives.

While the technology and tools available to the Toms River Fire Department have changed drastically in the past century and firetrucks have thankfully replaced fire carts, the mission and the work ethic of the Toms River Fire Department have not. For the past

one hundred and twenty-five years, the volunteer fire service has protected the grateful residents of Toms River. Hopefully, in one hundred years from today, another member of Congress representing Toms River will stand here on the floor of the House of Representatives, honoring the Toms River Fire Department No. 1's noble work on their two hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary.

On Toms River Fire Department No. 1's anniversary, I extend my best wishes to all the firefighters, former firefighters and their families of the Toms River community.

THE LONG-TERM PROBLEMS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

SPEECH OF

HON. KATHLEEN M. RICE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Miss RICE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the State of Israel.

Hamas, a terrorist organization, is firing hundreds of rockets and missiles indiscriminately at Israeli civilians. There is no moral justification for these despicable attacks on innocent life.

Israel has every right to defend itself and keep its citizens safe from these attacks.

I want to assure my constituents on Long Island, and all friends of Israel, that the United States stands in staunch support of Israel and unequivocally condemns this Hamas terrorism.

I pray for the innocent Israeli and Palestinian civilians affected by this crisis. And I pray that a cease-fire can be reached.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR. JEFFREY SCOTT FRANKEL

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Jeffrey Scott Frankel who passed away on April 3, 2021 in Los Angeles, California. Mr. Frankel was a dedicated community member on the Palos Verdes Peninsula in the South Bay of Los Angeles County, who left an indelible mark on the region as a dedicated father, volunteer and school board official.

Mr. Frankel was born on November 24, 1962 in London, Ontario, Canada and was raised in Baldwin, New York. He attended the State University of New York College at Buffalo and had a successful career as a marketing consultant with King World Productions, SharkNinja and other notable brands. In recent years, Mr. Frankel steered his career towards education, scaling back his consultancy and working as an impassioned volunteer for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District.

Jeffrey had an undying passion for advocacy, service, and education, and displayed such interests as a member of the Palos Verdes Peninsula School District's Parcel Tax Oversight Committee and the Superintendent Special Education Parent Advisory Group. Jeffrey became interested in education policy as

he supported his daughter, Jillian, who had special needs and was the light of his life. He sought to make a difference in her life along with other students. He made it his mission to ensure that every student, including those with special needs, reached their full potential. Mr. Frankel was elected to the Palos Verdes Peninsula School Board in November 2020 and was a shining example of a community partner who proudly assumed the role of a civic leader and change agent.

Jeffrey loved the Grateful Dead and fast food gave him much delight. He has left an indelible mark on the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District, the South Bay community, and to all who knew him. He is survived by his mother, Gloria Frankel, his siblings, Karen Rozen and Mark Frankel, his niece Mindy, his nephews David, Louie, and Kevin, and his beloved daughter, Jillian. For all his success, he will forever be known as a man of generosity, humility, and kindness. May his memory be a blessing.

MAY 6 COMMEMORATION OF REP. JAMES BILBRAY ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RED ROCK CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA ESTABLISHMENT ACT

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I first want to thank the Bureau of Land Management and Friends of Red Rock Canyon for helping facilitate today's event. I also want to thank our guests for joining me in commemorating the 30th anniversary of the designation of Red Rock National Conservation Area. Although we were not able to celebrate on the date it was signed, November 16, because of COVID, I felt it was important to honor the man who introduced legislation to preserve Red Rock Canyon for future generations, Congressman James Bilbray.

Congressman Bilbray served as the Representative for Nevada's First District from 1987–1995. In that role, he led the legislative effort to permanently protect more than 83,000 acres of Red Rock Canyon. On November 16, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed Congressman Bilbray's bill, H.R. 4559, The Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Establishment Act. In 1994, Congressman Bilbray successfully spearheaded an effort to expand the conservation area to more than 176,000 acres to protect Joshua tree and desert tortoise habitat. H.R. 3050, The Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Boundary Expansion, was signed by President Bill Clinton in November of that year.

Congressman Bilbray was ahead of his time. When he introduced legislation to protect Red Rock Canyon, the environmental movement was just in its beginnings in Nevada. It wasn't as easy or as popular to pass this kind of legislation, but he had the vision to know that this area was special and should be preserved for his grandchildren and future generations to enjoy.

Saving this area from development was personal for the Congressman. A lifelong Nevadan, he camped in the area as a Boy Scout

and frequently visited it with his family on picnics and hikes. Red Rock Canyon also holds significant cultural resources for the native Southern Paiute Tribe. Within the canyons exist rock walls with extensive petroglyphs, as well as indications of prehistoric inhabitation, such as shelter caves and agave roasting pits. The area is home to burros, bighorns, and desert tortoises, as well as unique flora. And in contrast to nearby Las Vegas, a town emphasizing entertainment and gaming, Red Rock offers respite and recreation of a different nature. It is because of Congressman Bilbray that Nevadans and visitors from around the globe can enjoy this unique desert landscape, the natural crown jewel of Southern Nevada.

In honor of Congressman Bilbray's public service, a new plaque will be installed at the entrance of the Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center where over 2,000 people enter each day. We will see, know, and get to read about the incredible man who made this possible.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, on May 11, 2021, I was unavoidably detained and missed the day's vote. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call Vote 134, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1629, the Fairness in Orphan Drug Exclusively Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARTIN'S FAMOUS PASTRY SHOPPE

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania for its outstanding leadership and service to our local community and beyond.

Like many Pennsylvania businesses, Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe faced unprecedented challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these obstacles, Martin's continued its essential work to feed the American people and protect their workers' livelihoods.

Now led by President James "Jim" Martin, this family-owned company was first established as a small bakery in 1968. Since then, it has expanded broadly in both market reach and workforce. Today, Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe employs hardworking Americans in Franklin County and around the country.

Throughout its decades of service, Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe has maintained a clear focus on community outreach and support. Starting with founders Lloyd and Lois Martin, the organization has prioritized community focus. Each year, this company gives back to our Chambersburg community and supports charities in Pennsylvania and around the world.

On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I am honored to recognize Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe for its incredible work

and legacy. It is my privilege to work alongside Jim Martin and his team in our shared service to Franklin County, and I wish them continued success.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD “DICK”
HAMILTON

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard “Dick” Hamilton for his selfless work to honor the memory of our cherished state symbol, the Old Man of the Mountain. His granite resolve has led to this beautiful plaza where you stand today.

Daniel Webster wrote, “Men hang out their signs indicative of their respective trades; shoemakers hang out a gigantic shoe, jewelers a monster watch, and dentists hang out a gold tooth. Now, up in New Hampshire, God almighty has hung out a sign to show that here he makes men.” Dick Hamilton is one of those men.

As we remember May 2, 2003, the day the Old Man gave up his perch on the side of Cannon Mountain, we also salute Dick and countless others who carry on the memory of the Old Man and what he means to the people of the Granite State. I take this time to honor Dick and keep the memory of the Old Man alive.

HONORING GARY NATIVE AND
OSCAR WINNER MIA NEAL

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I congratulate Gary, Indiana, native Mia Neal, and celebrate her noteworthy achievement of winning an Oscar at the 93rd Academy Awards ceremony on April 25, 2021. Presented with the Oscar for Best Makeup and Hairstyling for her work in the film *Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom*, Mia, along with Jamika Wilson, have become the first African American women to win in this category. For this historic and extraordinary accomplishment, Mia is worthy of the highest praise.

Mia attended Horace Mann High School in Gary, where she participated in theater and was a member of the school’s talented dance troop. After graduating in 1997, Mia’s interest in hairstyling and makeup blossomed as she attended Merrillville Beauty College and Columbia College in Chicago before enrolling at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi. After graduating from Jackson State University, Mia completed a Professional Internship for Wigs and Makeup at the famed Juilliard School in New York City where she honed her craft. After completing her studies, Mia remained in New York and has amassed an impressive career in her field, designing hair and makeup for many stage productions and feature films.

While Mia has certainly had a successful career, her greatest accomplishment is being

a mother to her son, James G. Deacon. Mia is daughter of Dena Holland Neal, a longtime active community member in Gary and Pastor at Peace United Church in Merrillville, Indiana, and the sister of Nia and Thamian Neal, as well as the cherished aunt of DeWayne, Jordan, and Karren. Mia’s grandparents, James and Dorothy Holland, also hold deep roots in Gary. James taught at Roosevelt High School for more than fifteen years and served as Gary’s first Deputy Mayor from 1976 to 1988.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing Mia Neal on her historic Oscar award and congratulate her for this outstanding accomplishment. She has made her family, the entire Gary community, and all of Northwest Indiana so very proud.

PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS
ACT

HON. KATHY E. MANNING

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Ms. MANNING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in favor of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. As a working mother, this bill is very personal to me.

When I was pregnant with my third child, I experienced premature labor and my doctor ordered me to be on bed rest for ten weeks.

I was fortunate to work for an employer who allowed me to keep my job, work a reduced schedule from home, and continue earning my wages.

After my daughter was born, I was still able to take my full maternity leave to care for her.

Once I returned to the office, I continued to work for that same firm for many years, in part because of the accommodations that were made for me during my pregnancy.

This is an experience that should not be unique to me.

The Pregnant Workers’ Fairness Act will ensure that every person who needs reasonable accommodations during pregnancy will be given those accommodations so they can continue to support their family and contribute to their workplace.

I am proud to cast my vote in favor of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act and I urge my colleagues to join me.

Madam Speaker, I also include in the RECORD a letter from the National Education Association.

MAY 11, 2021.

Hon. ROBERT C. SCOTT,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN SCOTT: On behalf of our 3 million members and the 50 million students they serve, we urge you to vote YES on the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (H.R. 1065). Votes on this issue may be included in the NEA Report Card for the 117th Congress.

More than three-quarters of women—half the American workforce and nearly 80 percent of educators—will be pregnant and employed at some point in their lives. Women are important breadwinners in their families, yet all too often, pregnant women are pushed out of their jobs or forced to risk their health to continue earning a paycheck. The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act of 2021 would help by:

Clarifying existing laws and creating a uniform national standard for reasonable accommodations for pregnancy, childbirth, and related conditions;

Providing reasonable accommodations to pregnant women to reduce health risks to them and their babies;

Prohibiting employers from denying a pregnant worker employment opportunities or forcing the worker to take an accommodation that she does not want or need;

Prohibiting employers from forcing a pregnant worker to take leave when another reasonable accommodation could keep her on the job;

Requiring the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to make rules implementing the law, including a list of exemplary accommodations that should be provided unless they pose an undue hardship to employers; and

Addressing this issue through a framework modeled after the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Every pregnant worker should be able to support her family, without risking the health either of herself or her unborn child. H.R. 1065 is crucial to bringing about fairness in the workplace for pregnant workers, and we urge you to vote YES.

Sincerely,

MARC EGAN,
Director of Government Relations,
National Education Association.

HONORING MARY MAGDALENE
WHITEHEAD’S 106TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Mary Magdalene Whitehead’s 106th birthday. Mrs. Whitehead is a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother.

Mrs. Whitehead is beloved by her community, where she is known as “Big Mom” for her warmth, kindness, and wisdom that she offers children and parents alike. Mrs. Whitehead has babysat generations of children and served as a sounding board for scores of overwhelmed and grateful parents. It is clear to everyone that knows Mrs. Whitehead, that she has made the most of each of her one-hundred and six years.

I wish her the best at achieving this milestone.

HONORING JEFF MILLER AS
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeff Miller, the retired West Des Moines police officer who is currently walking across the entire state of Iowa in honor of his sister Linda, who passed away from Alzheimer’s disease.

Jeff has been hiking across the state for about a week now in the hopes of raising money and awareness for Alzheimer’s disease. He started his cross-state journey on Saturday the 24th in Akron and plans to follow

Highway 3 to Dubuque, which is approximately 325 miles east, documenting his journey via YouTube along the way. Jeff has been camping when he can, but the kindhearted people of Iowa have also opened their homes and sponsored hotel stays for Jeff so he can be well rested enough to resume his treks the next day. Jeff has also opened his walk to anyone who wishes to walk alongside him, if only for a mile or two.

Jeff's sister Linda was diagnosed with early on-set Alzheimer's in 2012 and lost her battle five years later. According to Jeff's page on the Walk to End Alzheimer's website, Linda always referred to Jeff as her "bratty little brother," but you can't doubt the closeness the two shared as he makes his way to the Mississippi River.

Jeff is asking for donations to the Alzheimer's Association in honor of Linda and those who have been affected by the disease. The Alzheimer's Association provides care to all those facing Alzheimer's. Their goals and missions are to drive research toward treatment, prevention and, ultimately a cure, as well as speak up for the needs and rights of people affected by Alzheimer's disease.

Jeff's goal with this hike is to raise awareness and donations, but he also wishes for it to be a beacon of hope and understanding for people. He hopes it reminds Iowans to love their family and friends, and to hold each other as close as they can for as long as they can.

It is incredibly honorable to use your voice to raise awareness for those who cannot always raise awareness for themselves, but actions sometimes speak louder than words. Jeff's devotion to his family and to the cause are undoubtedly admirable, and we as Iowans will continue to cheer Jeff on in his mission to bring awareness to Alzheimer's disease. It is my honor to recognize Jeff Miller as our Iowan of the Week.

VINYARD WIND OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. HARRIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD an article written by David Stevenson, the Director of the Center of Energy and Environmental Policy at the Caesar Rodney Institute. This article summarizes many of the various concerns raised by multiple stakeholders with regard to current plans for offshore wind development on the United States' Outer Continental Shelf. These concerns are particularly timely in light of the Biden Administration's approval of the Vineyard Wind Offshore Wind Project off the coast of Massachusetts earlier this week.

For years I have sought to raise concerns with proposed offshore wind projects relating to commercial and recreational fisheries, navigational safety, national security, natural resources, environmental conservation and the impacts these massive projects have on local communities. Nonetheless, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has decided to move ahead with the approval of this project without adequately accommodating these concerns. I fear that this project is a harbinger of what is to come and that in the not-so-distant

future, much of our East Coast will be pocked by these large industrial projects to the detriment of all of the interests I have already mentioned.

Madam Speaker, I urge my fellow members and the Biden administration to address these issues before it is too late to ensure the responsible development of our treasured coastal and marine resources.

[From CRI News, May 4, 2021]

OFFSHORE WIND TOO UGLY FOR THE HAMPTONS BUT OK FOR OTHER BEACH RESORTS?

(By David T. Stevenson, Director Center for Energy & Environmental Policy)

Officials in New York and the Federal Government determined that the proposed offshore wind turbine lease area off the Hamptons is too close and ruins the serene ocean viewshed. They also noted it is a threat to navigation, fishing, and endangered marine mammals.

The Fairway lease areas sit as close as 12 miles off the Long Island coast near the Hamptons.

In official comments to the US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) submitted July 30, 2018, New York suggested the wind turbines be no closer than 20 miles from shore. This recommendation was based upon an earlier study by BOEM that concluded that 600-foot-high turbines produced a "dominate impact" on the beach view 15 miles offshore.

Adjusting for the new 50% taller turbines, the suggested distance from the shore should be 30 miles. In Europe, the closest lease area for these jumbo turbines is 44 miles out.

The New York decision begs the question of why lease areas from Maryland to Massachusetts aren't being rejected on the same merits.

There are four proposed lease areas within 20 miles of the islands of Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and Block Island. Another four lease areas are off southern New Jersey, Delaware, and Ocean City, Maryland, which range between 10 and 13 miles off major beach resorts.

Yet BOEM is about to approve the "Vineyard Wind" project just 14 miles from shore, establishing a precedent likely to influence federal decisions on all the other projects.

Visibility is a small part of New York's concerns. The State's extensive outreach revealed proposed lease areas posed a great concern to a high number of commercial and for-hire fishermen.

The passage around or between wind farms could pose a safety risk for vessels attempting to maintain a course heading and could increase vessel costs, especially for the fishing industry facing daily hazards and a potential loss of fishing gear.

The BOEM Final Environmental Impact Statement for the "Vineyard Wind" project concluded that the leases would have a major impact on Coast Guard Search and Rescue Operations.

They also determined a major negative impact on scientific studies used to determine the annual fishing limits for various species. Both impacts relate to the need to fly higher to find people in need of rescue and to make fish counts.

There are other potential environmental impacts.

There are only 356 endangered Northern Right Whales left, and they regularly visit many of the proposed lease areas. Recent accidental deaths were caused by vessel strikes, entanglements, and ocean noise, all of which will be worsened by offshore wind projects.

Horseshoe crab blood is the only known substance for testing antigens in vaccine development. The COVID-19 vaccine could not

have been developed without it. The blood is harvested, and the crabs are returned to the sea. The crabs burrow into the sandy seafloor to hibernate for the winter, primarily in a federal reserve off the New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland coast.

Offshore wind projects, with acres of cement and rocks to prevent sand scouring, would land on top of the reserve, and electric cables and turbines will create noise and electromagnetic fields with an unknown impact on the crabs. The crab's eggs are critical food for migrating birds like the endangered Red Knot.

The problems discussed above are common to the eight lease areas located too close to shore.

The Hamptons have some of the most expensive beachfront home values in the country. Many of those homes are owned by wealthy Manhattanites. One can only wonder how much influence these wealthy folks had on the decision to shut down the Fairways lease areas.

What's good enough for New Yorkers should be good enough for the rest of the East Coast.

IN RECOGNITION OF STUCKEY AUTOMOTIVE

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stuckey Automotive in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania for its commitment to the United States flag and our community.

Since 1985, Stuckey Ford has proudly flown a 50-foot American flag. This patriotic display has become a hallmark of the Hollidaysburg landscape.

This week, a flag-raising ceremony will mark the replacement of the original flagpole. I am proud to join the Stuckey Family and members of our community for this cherished event to witness the initial flag-raising.

As we commemorate this transition, I thank Matt Stuckey, President of Stuckey Automotive, and his team for their unwavering commitment to the flag. This longstanding tradition is an important part of our community fabric, and it showcases Blair County's great respect for our Nation's flag.

A leader in Blair County, Stuckey Automotive is a key part of our community and local economy. First founded as Replogle Motor Company, its history began before World War II. Will and Barbara Stuckey bought the business, which was incorporated as Will Stuckey Ford in 1959. For decades, Stuckey Automotive has grown in both size and workforce. Today, with nearly 300 employees, this family-owned business remains committed to its mission of delivering exemplary service to Pennsylvanians.

On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I am honored to recognize Stuckey Automotive for its incredible commitment to our community and our nation, and I look forward to the continuation of this patriotic display.

HONORING RABBI ROSALIN
MANDELBERG FOR 25 YEARS OF
SERVICE

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rabbi Rosalin Mandelberg in celebration of her 25 years as an ordained Rabbi. Rabbi Mandelberg, also affectionately known as Rabbi Roz, serves as the Senior Rabbi of Ohef Sholom Temple in Norfolk, Virginia, where she has led the congregation for the last 16 years. Through her teachings, her relationships, and her dedication to faith, Rabbi Roz has instilled an enduring sense of community in the Hampton Roads area.

Rabbi Roz was ordained on May 16, 1996, by the Hebrew Union College. Before joining Ohef Sholom Temple, Rabbi Roz served in the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation and Westchester Reform Temple. In her 16 years at Ohef Sholom Temple, she has successfully engaged multiple generations within the Jewish faith and has fostered a growing knowledge and appreciation of Judaism within the broader community. Rabbi Roz has also embraced and demonstrated an understanding of faith-driven selflessness and compassion for others.

I am thankful that Rabbi Roz has been such a powerful voice in our community for positivity. I am proud to join the Ohef Sholom Temple congregation and the Norfolk community in congratulating Rabbi Roz upon 25 years of service and leadership.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RABBI
MORLEY T. FEINSTEIN

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Rabbi Morley T. Feinstein, who passed away on April 25, 2021 in Los Angeles, California. Rabbi Feinstein was a pillar in Southern California's Jewish community and worked tirelessly to serve the people of our region and to spread good will to all those who he had known.

Rabbi Feinstein grew up in West Los Angeles, attended Beverly Hills High School, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of California, Berkeley in 1975. Driven to serve those in need, he was ordained in 1981 at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio. Rabbi Feinstein served as the assistant and then first associate rabbi of Temple Beth-El in San Antonio, Texas from 1987 to 2002. Later, he took the

role of Senior Rabbi of Temple Beth-El in South Bend, Indiana where he received the state's highest citizen honor—the Sagamore of the Wabash—for his efforts to promote peace and justice.

Later, Rabbi Feinstein served as a Senior Rabbinic Fellow of Jerusalem's Shalom Hartman Institute where he was known for his love of music, fervor for learning, and zeal for the Torah. He taught at the summer camps at Union for Reform Judaism and Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI) for over thirty-four years. Rabbi Feinstein formally retired in 2019, but his commitment to serving his community always remained steadfast.

Rabbi Feinstein was affectionately referred to by his colleagues as a "Rabbi's Rabbi." He believed in the purity of the human spirit and appreciated the traditions of community building. He transcended faith and knew what it meant to be a steward of God and to those in need.

Rabbi Feinstein's impact will forever be remembered by those who loved him and to those he had a profound influence on. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Margarete Myers Feinstein, their twin daughters, Eliana and Renata, his first wife Nancy Lichtenstein, and their two sons, Aaron and Ari; and their three grandchildren; his brother Dr. Barney Feinstein and his sister, Sheila Merewitz. May his life be an honor and a blessing.